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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 21 and amend claims 2 and 6 such that the status of the claims is as follows:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) The character object of claim 1 claim 3 wherein the magnet has substantially the same shape as the artistic layer.
- 3. (Previously presented) A character object comprising:

an artistic layer formed of sheet material including:

a torso having a plurality of articulation points;

a plurality of appendages, wherein each appendage is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso articulation points such that each appendage may be pivoted with respect to the torso; and magnets disposed at the articulation points.

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4. (Previously presented) The character object of claim 3, wherein the magnets disposed at the articulation points comprise:

magnetic pivot fasteners.

5. (Original) The character object of claim 4, wherein each magnetic pivot fastener includes single annular plastic casing having a magnet secured internally in the casing and annular collars disposed annularly about the casing so as to secure each appendage to the torso.

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6. (Currently amended) The character object of elaim 1 claim 3 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise:

first and second leg appendages, wherein each of the first and second leg appendages has at least two articulated segments.

- 7. (Previously presented) The character of claim 6 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise: third and fourth leg appendages, wherein each of the third and fourth leg appendages has at least two articulated segments.
- 8. (Previously presented) The character of claim 6 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise:

 first and second arm appendages, wherein each of the first and second arm
 appendages has at least two articulated segments.
- 9. (Previously presented) The character of claim 8 wherein each leg appendage has three articulated segments and each arm appendage has three articulated segments.
- 10. (Original) The character of claim 8 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise: a head member.
- 11. (Previously presented) A toy assembly comprising:

a character object including:

a torso formed of sheet material having a plurality of articulation points; first and second leg appendages, wherein each of the first and second leg appendages has at least two articulation points;

first and second arm appendages, wherein each of the first and second arm appendages has at least two articulation points;

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wherein each leg appendage and arm appendage is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the articulation points on the torso; and

a magnetic pivot fastener disposed at each articulation point wherein each magnetic pivot fastener includes single annular plastic casing having a magnet secured internally in the casing and annular collars disposed annularly about the casing so as to secure each appendage to the torso.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 and further comprising:

a plurality of word objects comprising:

a word surface formed of sheet material displaying a word selected from a list of parts of speech including nouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, pronouns, prepositions, prefixes, suffixes; and

a first magnetic layer fixably attached to the word surface.

13. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 and further comprising:

a word bubble object formed of sheet material including a word object surface shaped so as to resemble a cartoon word balloon, so as to imply speech or thought; and

a second magnetic layer fixably attached to the word object surface.

14. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 and further comprising: an accessory object formed of sheet material including an accessory surface; and a third magnetic layer fixably attached to the accessory surface.

15. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 11, wherein the magnet has substantially the same shape as the torso, leg appendages and arm appendages.

16. (Original) The assembly of claim 11, wherein each articulation point includes a magnet pivot fastener.

17. (Previously presented) A toy kit comprising:

- a case;
- a first character object including:
 - a torso formed of sheet material having a plurality of torso joints;
 - first and second leg appendages formed of sheet material pivotally connected to the torso wherein each of the first and second leg appendages is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso joints and has at least two articulated segments;
 - first and second arm appendages formed of sheet material wherein each of the first and second arm appendages is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso joints and has at least two articulated segments;
 - a head member formed of sheet material pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso joints; and
 - a first magnetic layer fixably attached to the torso, first and second leg appendages, first and second arm appendages and head member;
- a first word bubble object including:
 - a word object surface formed of sheet material and shaped so as to resemble a cartoon word balloon; and
 - a second magnetic layer fixably attached to the word object surface; an accessory object including:
 - a first accessory surface formed of sheet material and shaped so as to resemble a tool; and
 - a third magnetic layer fixably attached to the accessory surface.

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- 18. (Original) The kit of claim 17 comprising:

 a second character object substantially similar to the first character object.
- 19. (Original) The kit of claim 17 comprising:a second word bubble object substantially similar to the first word bubble object.
- 20. (Original) The kit of claim 17 comprising:

 a second accessory object substantially similar to the first accessory object.
- 21. (Canceled)